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PET PROJECT



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Community partners:

La casa de las narices frías, La gatería, Gattos Cosmicos, Fundación hablemos por ellos, organización Salvar, Almanimal

The group ADORA consists of five people, and we have 6 community partners, plus we have gained almost 400 followers on Instagram, and still are growing at a steady pace. While we are on the Instagram page 24/7 and will respond to people when needed, we also have spent over 200+ hours on the project.



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



We have helped some of the funding for the mass sterilizations and vaccinations of street cats and dogs, which can lower the spread of diseases between them and doesn't allow them to keep reproducing in the streets in such mass.

15 LIFE ON LAND



We helped numerous cats and dogs find their forever homes, while also helping others that needed monetary help in order to have surgery or find the proper medication to save their lives.

INTRODCUTION

Through a long back and forth in the moment of deciding what problem we wanted to address when planning this project between five exceptionally different people we finally discovered what we had in common: Love for animals. Now in the action of planning what issue we wanted to tackle inside of this very broad topic, we noticed the extensive amount of cats and dogs that are left on the streets of Medellín daily and how these have evolved into an immense problem for foundations since they were overflowing. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) there are 200 million stray dogs and cats worldwide, and more than 12,000 of these pets were abandoned during the peaks of the pandemic (March, April, May, June) in Colombia. Such high peaks of abandonment means more animals, on the streets which cause many more sanitation problems like the transmission of rabies, feces on the streets, and more flea and tick influx. In like manner, through research we realized that it was a struggle for people who wanted to adopt because the process was too complicated or they couldn't find the animal that met their needs. In addition animals was not a field that many people addressed towards their GSL projects. And so, we created ADORA; A project based on creating and instagram page were we could spread the word about which cats and dogs were for adoption through posts to facilitate the process for people, and help it flow easier for foundations or anything they needed help with, in here we would also campaign the stop of animal abuse and pro adoption.

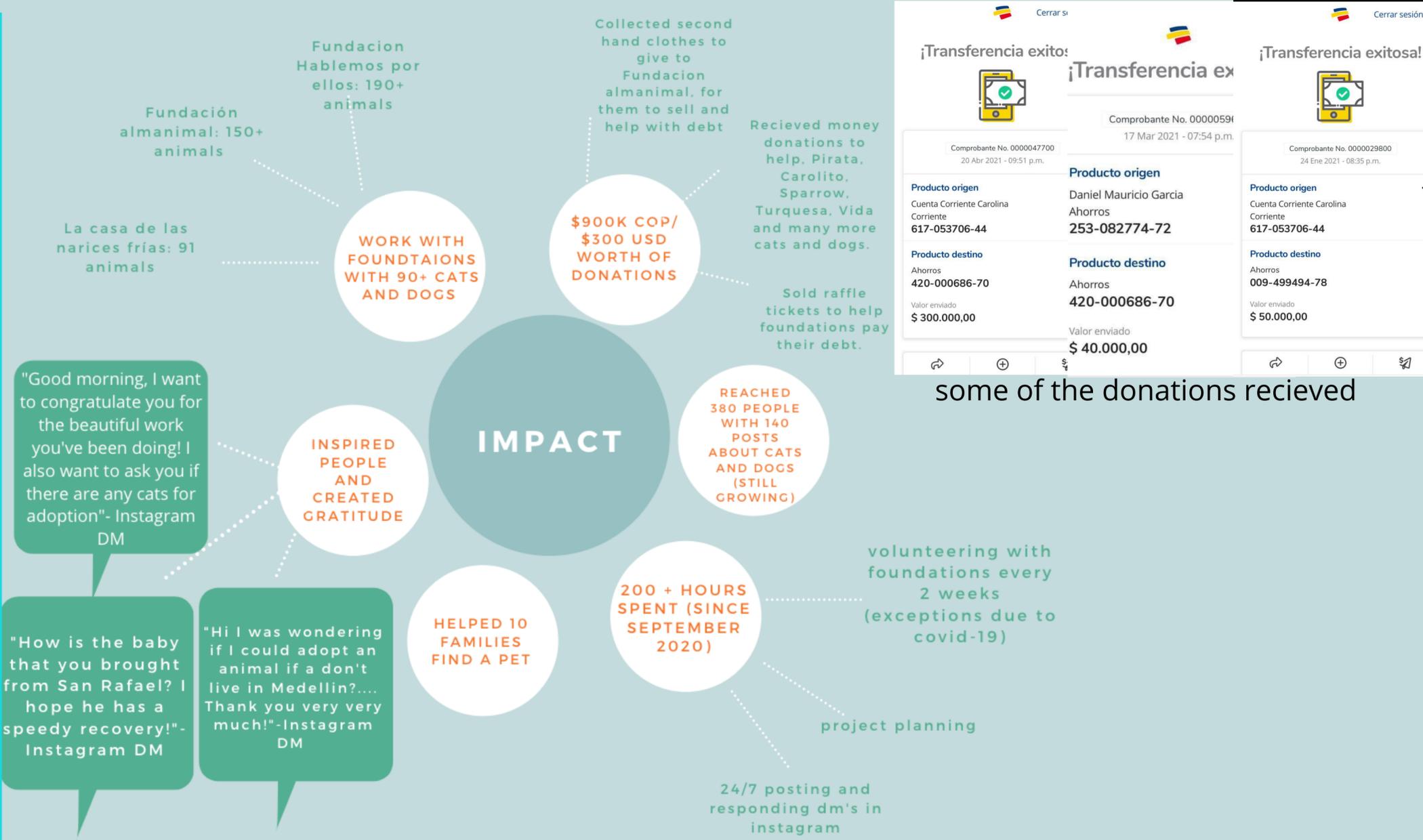
WHAT WE EXPECTED

Coming into this project we expected a lot of abused animals trying to regain love and a role in a family, to be able to go and see the foundations we were in contact with, and rescue animals on the streets. We also anticipated that this process would be relatively quick, that as long as a family met minimum expectations they were going to be able to get a pet of their own. This wasn't true at all our community partners made us realize that having the bare minimum doesn't give anyone the right to adopt, and this process is complicated



UNDERSTANDING THE SDG'S

After all we have experienced: abused animals left on the streets to die or still trapped in the never ending whole of abuse with their owners, but most important how they were able to find love again; we realized the importance of meeting the SDG's, if we are able to help them grow we will create thriving and conscious communities. They are crucial because they set an example and encourage youth/us and adults to create sustainable solutions and make them/us realize how this world needs change.



SKILL/ FAILURES & SUCCESSES

Through our Instagram page we received critiques that helped us build a stronger project: For example gattos__cosmicos one of our community partners reached out to us to tell us that we should focus more on posting things that were related to our project and that we should give proper credit to the foundations. This happened due to a failure in maintaining communication since some team members didn't realize they should give credit to them and only post things related to our purpose, after this supportive critique we learned the importance of good communication to ensure that everyone is on the same page. Through working on ADORA we also realized the importance of teamwork and responsibility, this helped us keep posting better content every time and allowed us to reach more people; in addition, without it, many cats and dogs wouldn't be able to be rescued and rehabilitated. With these skills we were also able to collaborate with other GSL teams to help our project grow and did panel discussions with @PROJECT FOOD TREE. We realized that since we were a team we could definitely use that as an advantage, we didn't want to find ourselves missing messages or people trying to reach out, so what we did was assign a day of the week to each member, in order to sustain good communication and have a proper post schedule as we went on into project. One of the bigger successes we have had was the acceptance of the community, and how we sometimes made mistakes but were supported and uplifted by our partners. And even though Covid-19 was present we still got to do work in person, which showed the incredible patience and perseverance we needed and we had in order to work on this project.

RECAP

Working with our partners has been an incredible experience, because as mentioned before we are able to uplift and work with each other extremely well. We helped Hablamos Por Ellos to promote an event where a lot of dogs were adopted and the many raffles they host to help with medical treatments for dogs and cats. We have helped with the adoption of two cats from La Gateria and dogs from La Casa de Las Narices Frias. We were able to go to Fundación Almanimal and help cleaning, giving dogs baths, and also getting them to the vets' office. With Almanimal we are also helping to start their own second-hand clothing shop, that will help them sustain their foundation. Not to mention we have helped every single one of our community partners with monetary expenses on their pets or on the maintaining of their homes.

As for sustainability, we have seen that it can go on as long as we want it to, we can also see that it can become something bigger with time and with the right support. We are a group that when called to action will be there at any time, as the only thing that we need is our own perseverance.

